

{In Archive} Re: Fw: Pine View Estates

Aaron Setran to: Eric Byous

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Thanks Eric. I do remember going up there afterwards, and the lift station issue. I don't think you need to dig for e-mails at this point. I'm off for a week and will catch-up w/ you when I return. A

Dave/Rich: see Eric's response below......

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10/16/2008 09:35 PM

To Aaron Setran/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

10/17/2008 07:28 AM

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Subject Re: Fw: Pine View Estates

Hey Aaron,

I remember their inspection, but I didn't go with them and don't have any records besides possibly emails (I could check if necessary). If I remember right, you went up there to follow up and it ended up being an issue with their lift station pump going out. They didn't gain any permission to enter the site, but PTP didn't seem too worried about that at the time. Let me know if you need me to look up emails.

thanks again for the update on Big Valley, it was good to hear...and let me know when you want to grab that coffee.

-Eric

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## Eric:

Need to tap your Pineview memory for second. Recently NDEP conducted an uninvited site visit to Pineview, took pics, and wrote-up a report all w/out permission from the PTP folks re: site access. This appears to be at least the second time they've been out to the site, once before in Dec 2006 (see attached docs which show photos taken at the time). Do you recall this Dec 2006 visit by the State, and if so, do you know if they gained permission to be on site? Were you there when they conducted their inspection? Any notes or records kept by you regarding the State's visit?

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"Joe Maez" <jmaez@ndep.nv.gov> 10/06/2008 11:13 AM

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## Aaron,

We are glad to hear that the surface run-off of effluent is being promptly resolved.

I need to respectfully disagree with your assumption that the primary source for sustaining the vegetation in the detention basin is from urban run-off (storm water, over irrigation). We have not had a significant rainfall event for several months and typically only get 8 inches per year. Over irrigation has also not been shown to be that significant in the development.

The location of the leach field up gradient of the vegetated catch basin, along with the hill side seepage noted over the last couple of years leads us to believe that subsurface seepage of treated effluent is the primary source of water sustaining this vegetation. (Please see the attached picture taken in the winter of 07). There most likely is a subsurface barrier that is directing the effluent to daylight down in the detention basin and this nutrient rich effluent is allowing the vegetation to develop.

We urge you to address this on-going seepage issue so that it does not pose a public health and nuisance issues for the citizens in this development and does not discharge to Nevada Department of Transportation storm water culverts alongside U.S. 395.

Please feel free to contact me for assistance on addressing this

longstanding discharge issue.

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----Original Message----

From: Setran.Aaron@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Setran.Aaron@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 2:01 PM

To: Joe Maez

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Subject: Re: FW: Pine View Estates

## Joe:

I spoke w/ the folks at Pineview this morning and they told me that they are aware of the surfacing effluent problem at the each of their large leach field. They told me that one of the pressure lines had a leak, and that they are waiting for the replacement part which should arrive today or tomorrow. They'll repair the line as soon as they get the replacement part. likely over the weekend. According to Pineview, the leak in the pressure line has existed for about a week. Once the repair is done they said that they would notify me, and in turn, I let you know.

Given this information, and my previous inspections at the site, I don't believe that the vegetation in the catch basin at the bottom on the hill is being driven by effluent. As I mentioned on the telephone, surface water run-off from the streets and individual properties runs off into a storm drain collection system at the site, and some of this ends-up in the catch basin.

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